



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, World Trade Month has been recognized each May in the United States since 1938; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we celebrate the importance of international trade to the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, customers in 196 countries and territories buy Alabama-made goods and services; and

WHEREAS, at least 3,000 companies in the state are exporters. They create great 'Made-in-Alabama' products, which demonstrates to the global marketplace just how innovative and competitive Alabama companies are; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Alabama exports surged to over \$25.5 billion, setting a new annual record and providing another indicator that the state's economy is performing strongly; and

WHEREAS, international commerce continues to be an economic driver for Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Alabama saw \$5.5 billion in investments from 14 different countries, supporting more than 4,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, with 95 percent of the world's consumers and 70 percent of the world's purchasing power located outside the U.S., we must encourage our home-grown and foreign-based investments to use Alabama as an export platform; and

WHEREAS, international trade is one of Alabama's priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

World Trade Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 3rd day of May 2023.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor